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To provide for payment of proceeds from savings bonds to a State with title to such bonds pursuant to the judgment of a court.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unclaimed Savings
5 Bond Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT TO STATES WITH TITLE TO UNDELIV-**
7 **ERED SAVINGS BONDS.**

8 Section 3105 of title 31, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f)(1) The Secretary shall recognize an order of a
2 court of competent jurisdiction that vests title to an appli-
3 cable savings bond with a State, regardless of whether the
4 State has possession of such bond, if—

5 “(A) such order is entered after December 31,
6 2012, and before January 1, 2026; and

7 “(B) the State provides the Secretary with a
8 certified copy of such order.

9 “(2)(A) If a State has title or is seeking to obtain
10 title through a judicial proceeding to an applicable savings
11 bond, the Secretary shall provide to the State, upon re-
12 quest, any reasonably available records or information—

13 “(i) relating to the purchase or ownership of
14 such bond, including any transactions involving such
15 bond; or

16 “(ii) which may provide the serial number or
17 other identifying information relating to such bond.

18 “(B) Any records or information provided to a State
19 pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be considered suffi-
20 cient to enable the State to redeem the applicable savings
21 bond for full value, regardless of whether the bond is lost,
22 stolen, destroyed, mutilated, defaced, or otherwise not in
23 the possession of the State.

24 “(3)(A) Subject to subparagraph (C), a State may
25 redeem and receive payment for an applicable savings

1 bond for which the State has title pursuant to the same
2 procedures established pursuant to regulations which are
3 available for payment or redemption of a savings bond by
4 any owner of such bond.

5 “(B) The Secretary may not prescribe any regulation
6 which prevents or prohibits a State from obtaining title
7 to an applicable savings bond or redeeming such bond pur-
8 suant to the procedures described in subparagraph (A).

9 “(C) In the case of an applicable savings bond which
10 is lost, stolen, destroyed, mutilated, defaced, or otherwise
11 not in the possession of the State, if the State has re-
12 quested records and information under paragraph (2)(A),
13 any applicable period of limitation for payment or redemp-
14 tion of such bond shall not begin to run against the State
15 until the date on which the Secretary has provided the
16 State with the records and information described in such
17 paragraph.

18 “(4)(A) If the United States Government makes pay-
19 ment to a State for an applicable savings bond pursuant
20 to paragraph (3)(A)—

21 “(i) the United States Government shall not re-
22 tain any further obligation or liability relating to
23 such bond, including any obligation or liability with
24 respect to the registered owner of such bond (as de-
25 scribed in paragraph (5)(B)); and

1 “(ii) such bond shall not be redeemable by the
2 Secretary or any paying agent authorized to make
3 payments to redeem such bonds.

4 “(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘appli-
5 cable savings bond’ means a matured savings bond, and
6 all payment of such bond, including interest, for which
7 such bond—

8 “(A) was originally in paper, paperless, or elec-
9 tronic form;

10 “(B) is registered to an owner with a last
11 known address that is within the State described in
12 paragraph (1); and

13 “(C) has not been redeemed by such owner.”.

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